

Preliminary Amendment
U.S. Application Serial Number 10/823,255

REMARKS

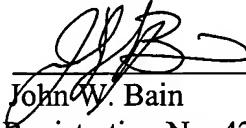
Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the Application.

The Specification is amended to avoid use of the trademarked expression WIRE-NUTS.

Claims 1-3, 5-19, and 21-31 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 32-53 are added. Therefore, claims 4, 20, and 32-53 are pending in the Application.

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